

SENATE BILL NO. _____ HOUSE BILL NO. _____

1 A BILL to amend and reenact § 19.2-53 of the Code of Virginia, relating to search warrants;
2 examination of things or persons seized.

3 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

4 **1. That § 19.2-53 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

5 **§ 19.2-53. What may be searched and seized; examination of seized items.**

6 A. Search warrants may be issued for the search of or for specified places, things, or persons, and
7 seizure therefrom of the following things as specified in the warrant:

8 (1) Weapons or other objects used in the commission of crime;

9 (2) Articles or things the sale or possession of which is unlawful;

10 (3) Stolen property or the fruits of any crime;

11 (4) Any object, thing, or person, including without limitation, documents, books, papers, records,
12 or body fluids, constituting evidence of the commission of crime. Notwithstanding any other provision
13 in this chapter to the contrary, no search warrant may be issued as a substitute for a witness subpoena.

14 B. The examination of any object, thing, or person, or its contents, seized pursuant to this section
15 may be done in any jurisdiction and is not limited to the jurisdiction where such object, thing, or person,
16 or its contents, was seized. Such examination may be conducted at any time after the execution of the
17 warrant, subject to the continued existence of probable cause.

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